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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
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- ☐ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☒ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 09/440,778; filed November 16, 1999, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.  
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR  
CONDUCTING REGULATION-COMPLIANT COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF  
REGULATED GOODS VIA A COMPUTER NETWORK**

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1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 75 pages of Specification (including 78 claims)
3. ☒ 49 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*)) [Note Box 6 Below]
  - c. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under

Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and 27 references cited
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
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14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
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  - c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
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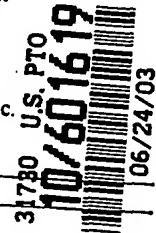
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